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
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 Dr. WHEELER will feel happy in furnishing this pamphlet, for gratuitous circulation, to persons desirous of spreading information relative to the Diseases of the Eye—a subject of the deepest importance to the community.

Address to the Public.

As an introduction to this little Pamphlet, it may not be out of place, nor altogether uninteresting or uninstruative, to quote from the great and philosophic Sturm, his eloquent reflections, and beautiful description of the wonderful organization and structure of the Eye. He says :

"The eye infinitely surpasses all the works of human industry. Its structure is the most wonderful thing the understanding of man can become acquainted with: the most skilful artist cannot invent any machine of this kind which is not infinitely inferior to the eye; whatever ability, industry, and attention he may devote to it, he will not be able to produce a work that does not abound with the imperfections incident to the works of man. It is true, we cannot become perfectly acquainted with all the arts which Divine Wisdom has displayed in the structure of this beautiful organ; but the little we do know suffices to convince us of the admirable intelligence, goodness and power of the Creator.

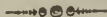
"In the first place, the disposition of the exterior parts of the eye is excellent; how admirably it is defended! Placed in durable orbits of bone, at a certain depth in the skull, the globe of the eye cannot easily suffer any injury. The over-arching eyebrows contribute much to its beauty and preservation; and the eyelids more immediately shelter it from the glare of light, and other things which might be prejudicial; inserted in these are the eye-lashes, which also much contribute to the above effects, and also prevent small particles of dust and other substances striking against the eye.

"The internal structure is still more beautiful. The globe of the eye is composed of tunics, humours, muscles, and vessels; the first coat is called the cornea, or exterior membrane, which is transparent interiorly and opaque posteriorly; next the choroid, which is extremely vascular; then the uvea, with the iris, which being of various colours, gives the appearance of different colored eyes, and being perforated with the power of contraction and dilatation, forms the pupil; and lastly, the retina, which is a fine expansion of the optic nerve, and upon it the impressien of objects is made. The humours, are first, the aqueous beginning in the fore-part of the globe, immediately under the cornea; it is then liquid, and transparent; secondly, the crystalline, which lies next to the aqueous, behind the uvea, opposite to the pupil; it is the least of the humours, of greater solidity, and on both sides convex: the third is the vitreous, resembling the white of an egg; it fills all the hind part of the cavity of the globe, and gives the spherical figure to the eye. The muscles of the eye are six, and by the excellence of their arrangements, it is enabled to move in all directions. Vision is performed by the rays of light falling on the pellucid and convex cornea of the eye, by the density and convexity of which they are united into a focus, which passes the aqueous humour and pupil of the eye, to be more condensed by the crystallized lens. The rays of light thus concentrated, penetrate the vitreous humour and stimulate the retina, upon which the images of objects painted in an inverse direction, are represented to the mind through the medium of the optic nerves. Thus we have abundant cause to thank the God of mercy who has so exquisitely formed the eye, and to acknowledge the wisdom, power, and admirable skill displayed in its structure, and wonderful organization. May we never forget the benefits we have received, nor the blessings we enjoy, but ever look up to the Author of our being with gratitude, when we see the various woes and miseries which afflict many of our fellow-creatures; let not our eyes refuse the tear of sympathy, nor our hearts be shut against

compassion ; may tears of joy flow from every eye, when we receive the renewed proofs of God's goodness and love ; and let us rejoice when we are enabled to soothe the anguish of our afflicted brethren, or wipe the tear from the poor and disconsolate."

TO

Persons suffering from Diseases of the Eye.



Dr. Wheeler would respectfully urge the attention of all classes of the community to the importance of this subject, for it is one that addresses itself to the understanding of every one, and more especially of those who have seen many of their fellow-creatures deprived of sight; cut off, as it were, from the world; too frequently denied the sympathies of kindred and companionship; and often left to die unnoticed, or live almost forgotten. He who can compass the miseries of this "living death," can alone appreciate the importance of that medical skill and knowledge, which has for its exclusive aim and object, the eradication and cure of diseases of the Eye. Guided by these considerations, this class of diseases has, by almost universal consent, been placed in the hands of a few, who devote their whole time and attention to the subject. It is in this way, and only in this way, that a sufficient degree of skill and manual dexterity can be obtained to render essential service in the cause of science and humanity. Every scientific Oculist bases his knowledge upon a thorough medical education, and pursues his practice according to those great principles which have stood the test of time and experience. Directed by these lights, and possessing the most ample means of observation in this particular class of maladies, his practice must be always attended with more useful results than can ever be obtained by the general practitioner. A physician who is in the habit of treating all the diseases to which the human frame is liable, will, probably, in the course of his professional career, meet with but a limited number of ophthalmic diseases; and let his abilities be ever so great, he cannot have an opportunity to learn the treatment as well as he who has a vast number of cases; much less acquire that quickness and precision in distinguishing diseases, which is the first element of success; or obtain the peculiar facility which enables him to apply a remedy without risk of injuring this delicate and tender organ. So much is this the case in the profession, that both here and abroad, but few men are identified with ophthalmic practice. For the same reason, some professional men are surgeons; some practitioners of medicine. Indeed, the way in which the practice is carried on now, is but in obedience to the old maxim, "divide and conquer;" each one on entering the field makes his selection for the encounter; and by untiring energy, industry and experience, he is enabled to combat successfully.

Some, however, may be disposed to think that the affections of this organ hardly demand the exclusive attention of the Physician who undertakes their successful treatment; but such persons should recollect that the eye is exceedingly complicated in its structure. It is made of several distinct or dissimilar tissues, and it exhibits all the affections to which each of these is liable. Although its component structures are for the most part analogous to what we meet with in other parts of the body, and consequently must be subject to morbid affections essentially similar to those elsewhere, yet the office and form of the organ, the union of its component parts, and the nature of many of them, are so peculiar, as to give a strong character of individuality and complexity to its diseases. We do not, at the first view, recognise in affections of the eye, the same diseased processes with which we are so familiar in other parts: we seem to be contemplating something peculiar and unusual, and this more especially in the diseases of particular tissues. The separation of the ophthalmic department from the rest of the surgical practice is, it is also proper to observe, in this connexion, very ancient, and probably coeval with medicine itself. Among the Egyptians, to whom we trace the origin of arts and sciences, this class of diseases had its physician; and we find from Herodotus, that Cyrus sent to Amasis, the King of Egypt, for an oculist. The Greeks and Romans had their oculists, as is evident not only from their writings, but from the inscriptions on their ancient marbles and seals. That Augustus and Tiberius were thus provided, is evident from the following inscription:—*P. Attius atimetus Auguste medicus ab oculis.*—*(Tit Igrius Tyberii medicus ocularius.)*

In this way Dr. Wheeler has devoted his attention to diseases of the Eye. Having pursued that "division" of practice for many years, he wishes to acquaint the public with the fact, and that those to whom he is not known, may be assured of his ability to treat the diseases which he professes to be master of, he now begs to present them such proofs as must inevitably be considered satisfactory; and that those evidences may be as conclusive as possible, he would ask, that any one who doubts, would apply in person, or by letter, to the individuals who have given certificates.

The great and wonderful discoveries which have been made in modern surgery and physics, cannot but be cheering to those who are mournfully "shut out from the joyous light of day." The investigations of science have so clearly developed the true knowledge of every disease of the eye, and so simplified the medical and surgical treatment of this organ, that however terrible or discouraging the affection may be, the applications made are safe, and the recovery certain.

Indeed nothing can more fully display the vast improvements in the

old and exploded modes of practice, and the superior knowledge of the physiology of the various structures composing the eye, possessed by Dr. Wheeler, than the great number of obstinate cases which have yielded to his treatment, but which would formerly have been left untouched by the physician, through ignorance of their true nature, and of course of the means of cure; thus confining to hopeless suffering, or absolute privation, multitudes who are now relieved and restored.

The Germans have probably had the greatest share in advancing our knowledge as to the causes and treatment of ophthalmic diseases. The Austrians have the honor of having instituted the first public establishment, expressly appropriated to the advancement of this most important branch of science. Of the labors of the most distinguished German Oculists, Dr. Wheeler has availed himself fully, and has succeeded, in many instances, in modifying and improving their modes of treatment in an essential manner.

The most frequent affection of the eyes is inflammation; and to the various modifications of inflammation would Dr. Wheeler urge the attention of patients; the treatment of which in its incipient stage is exceedingly easy and simple, making out the old proverb, "of an ounce of prevention being better than a pound of cure." The neglecting of this is the origin and cause of many of the most violent and desperate cases in Ophthalmic Surgery, and the effects, in a vast majority, are total blindness, opacity of the transparent cornea, induced by the effusion of matter in, and terminating in adhesions of, the layers of which the cornea consists; as also affecting the conjunctiva, (the delicate membrane covering the eye,) in a similar manner, causing films, specks, &c. &c., so that the sight is totally impaired, or to a great extent rendered useless, not forgetting the more serious affections of cataract, amaurosis, gutta serena, &c. &c.

Dr. Wheeler now subjoins a few of the letters and certificates above referred to, to which he asks the attention of the reader. He is quite aware that the public entertain a well-grounded distrust of medical certificates, which are so frequently made the means of imposition; but the evidence afforded by him of the superiority and success of his original and peculiar mode of treatment, cannot be impeached or suspected, as, in all instances, the address of the party is given, and the authenticity of their testimonials can be ascertained in the most satisfactory manner, *by personal or written application to themselves.*

Dr. Wheeler directs special attention to the cases of the non-commissioned officers and seamen, *who were discharged from the service as INCURABLY BLIND," on the certificate of the medical attendants of the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, but who subsequently came under Doctor Wheeler's treatment, and are completely restored to sight.*

Dr. Wheeler begs to remark, in this new edition of his pamphlet, that as, in all probability, many of the gentlemen who have written to him favorable letters, in reference to his successful mode of practice, may have removed from the residences which they occupied at the date of their respective communications, he will, if called upon, furnish their present address. For instance, the Hon. James H. Suydam, (late Member of the Legislature of New-York,) whose letter is dated from Carmine-street, in January, 1840, would now be referred to at his office as the U. S. Navy Agent; and so in other cases, which it is not here necessary to state.

CERTIFICATES.

New York, Sept. 21, 1843.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich street.

Sir—It affords me great pleasure to give you the benefit of my testimony to your eminent success in the cure of my daughter of an aggravated case of *Scrophulous Ophthalmia*, after she had been treated by eminent physicians and surgeons, without the least permanent benefit.

I must add that when I placed her under your kind care, (having been induced to do so by visiting some of your cured patients) I was in despair of her ever being cured by any one; one eye being entirely closed and sightless, the other nearly so, and scarcely any light could be borne. For many months she was kept in a carefully darkened room.—The eye-lids were most frightfully inflamed, and the child, by her previous treatment, reduced to a mere skeleton.

Your kind treatment and great care will ever be held by me, and every member of my family, in the most grateful remembrance. Should this bring you to the notice of any like sufferer, or parent with an afflicted child, the object of this testimony will be secured, by relieving suffering humanity.

Very truly, your friend,

WASH. A. BARTLETT, U. S. N.

21st st. & 9th Avenue.

City of Brooklyn, Kings County, ss.

John Lloyd being duly sworn, says that he was in the United States service for the last eighteen years, and while on board the frigate United States, in March, 1842, at Rio Janeiro, was taken with the Ophthalmia, and became blind for eight months. He afterwards recovered his sight, partially, for a short time, and came home in the Yorktown last August, when he was taken to the Navy Hospital at Brooklyn—his eyelids being greatly affected with chronic inflammation, the eyes very much inflamed with an ulcer and film over the sight, and so weak he could scarcely bear the light, in addition to which, he was afflicted with incipient amaurosis (as he has been informed.) That he was afterwards removed on board the North Carolina, when, on the 25th of August last, he was discharged as unfit for the service. Hearing of the cures Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich street, N. Y., had effected on several others in the navy, whose cases had been considered hopeless, he lost no time in placing himself under his care, and though he was led to Dr.

Wheeler's office entirely blind, on the 16th of Sept. last, by his kind and humane treatment he has totally effected a cure, and this deponent re-entered the service of the United States on the 21st of last month.

JOHN LLOYD.

Sworn before me this 16th day of December, 1843,
S. ALPHEUS SMITH, Commissioner of Deeds.

Newark, New Jersey, &c.

Henry Edgar, late boatswain's mate, of the U. S. ship Independence, being duly sworn, says that while on board said ship, he was taken, in March, 1842, with the ophthalmia, and was sent to the Navy Hospital, Brooklyn; when he became totally blind, and after having a regular examination held over him, he was *discharged from the service as incurable*, in September, 1843. His eyes were so violently inflamed and ulcerated, and the pains in them so great, that for months he scarcely knew what it was to have a night's rest, and that through the persuasion of Mr. Wm. Chappell, (who had been similarly situated,) and whose sight was restored through Dr. Wheeler's treatment, he immediately placed himself under his care, and in the course of two days he was relieved of all pain, and he has now the blessing to say his sight is restored, and that he can go any where along. He moreover asserts that he voluntarily makes this affidavit.

HENRY EDGAR.

Sworn before me this 30th day of May, 1844,
EDWARD COOK, Master in Chancery, Newark.

City and County of New York, ss.

William Flood, of said city and county, attached to the U. S. Navy, being duly sworn; saith, that in the month of March, 1843, while in the Mediterranean, he was alarmingly afflicted with the Egyptian Ophthalmia, and was sent to the Hospital at Port Mahon, where, instead of being benefited, he became completely blind of one eye, and could scarcely distinguish any object with the other; ultimately becoming so bad, that he was discharged as unfit for the service, and was sent to the Navy Hospital, in Brooklyn, and afterwards he went to the City Hospital in Broadway, N. Y. And this deponent further saith, that on the above occasions he was under the care of several surgeons and physicians, none of whom could render him any aid, and that subsequently, by the advice of some friends, he placed himself under the charge of a medical practitioner in New York, who attended this deponent twice a day for three months, without rendering to this deponent any service. And this deponent further saith, he afterwards became a patient of Dr. Wheeler, oculist, 33 Greenwich street, New York through whose skillful treatment and kind care, this deponent has been restored to the blessing of sight, and to comparative health in all respects.

WILLIAM FLOOD.

Sworn before me this first day of June, 1844,
ROBERT STRONG, Commissioner of Deeds.

City and County of New York, ss.

Mr. Wm. Chappell, late boatswain's mate, of the U. S. ship North Carolina, being duly sworn, says that he was taken with the ophthalmia in August, 1842, and he was in the Navy Hospital, Brooklyn, for upwards of eight months, that he became totally blind, and was *discharged* on the 7th of June, 1843, as *incurable*; that he soon afterwards

placed himself under Dr. Wheeler, oculist, 33 Greenwich street, who has restored his sight, and that he is now able to go any where alone, and moreover says that he has known others that have been restored by Dr. Wheeler's treatment.

WILLIAM CHAPPELL.

Sworn before me this 3d day of June, 1841,

R. STRONG, Com. of Deeds.

City and County of New York, ss.

Mr. Benj. T. Burton, 81 Murray street, being duly sworn, says that his little boy, two years and a half old, was blind with the purulent ophthalmia, his eyes, to all appearance, oozing out of the sockets, in which state he took him to Dr. Wheeler, oculist, 33 Greenwich street, who in the course of a month, restored his sight, and the eyes are now quite well.

BENJ. T. BURTON.

Sworn before me, this 14th day of June, 1844.

Moses B. MACLAY, Com. of Deeds.

Peekskill, 11th May, 1841.

Dear Sir—I feel it due to you, as a friend and well-wisher of Johannah Weeks, who, at the instance and through the kind assistance of several of my neighbours and fellow-citizens, was placed under your professional charge, to publicly thank you for the great benefit which you have rendered her, in restoring her from total blindness to perfect sight. It is the more gratifying thus to notice your humane and skilful attentions, because you were acquainted with the fact, at the time the poor girl was introduced to you, that she was an orphan, and without the means of adequately compensating you for your truly valuable services. In behalf, therefore, of myself, and many highly respectable residents of this place, who kindly interested themselves in the late hopeless and unfortunate condition of the girl, I most sincerely tender you my grateful acknowledgments.

Yours, very respectfully.

WM. B. FERRIS.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich street.

Newark, N. J, 27th Sept. 1844.

Dear Sir—I cannot withhold my testimony to your eminent abilities as an Oculist, as strongly exemplified in my case. For some time I had suffered extreme distress and inconvenience from an attack of Ophthalmia, the eyes being much ulcerated, with very violent chronic inflammation. After resorting to the best medical advice, I experienced no alleviation of my unfortunate condition. Providentially, I at length was informed of extraordinary cases of diseases of the eye which had been effected by your treatment. I immediately, with the fullest confidence, placed myself under your care, and the fortunate result has been a complete cure, my eye-sight being perfectly restored, and nearly as strong and vigorous as at any former period of my life. Gratitude for such a remarkable proof of your skill as an Oculist, has alone induced me to give publicity to my case. Indeed, while under your care, nothing could be more consoling to my feelings than the fervent thanks which I have repeatedly heard addressed to you for your signal success in the treatment of the most desperate cases. I am an old resident in Newark, and shall feel happy in having any person suffering from

diseases of the eye referred to me, for I am confident, if there be the least hope for the preservation of the sight, that you, Sir, are the Oculist who should be consulted.

I am yours, very respectfully,
To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich street, N. Y.

JOHN J. BOWDEN.

City and County of New York, ss.

Mr. James Foster, Peekskill, N. Y., being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he has been for some time blind from cataracts in both eyes—that he put himself under the care of Dr. Wheeler, oculist, 33 Greenwich street, and that he can now see to read with both eyes, and the operation which was performed upon him occupied but a very short time, and was attended with scarcely any pain; and the said Mr. Foster moreover declares, that he believes Dr. Wheeler to be possessed of great skill in the treatment of diseases of the eye.

JAMES FOSTER.

Sworn before me, this 20th day of March, 1844.

R. STRONG, Commissioner of Deeds.

Honesdale, Pa., October 11th, 1843.

Dear Sir—In the hope of conducing to make your skill in treating diseases of the eye more generally known, permit me to certify to the following facts: On the 21st of June last I placed myself under Dr. Wheeler's care, for his treatment of the disease known to physicians as ophthalmia tarsi, occasioned by a severe attack of the measles, some 14 or 15 years since. I had suffered much from them during that time. The lids were much swollen and inflamed, and during three or four years past, frequently ulcerated. I often had to leave off reading and writing during the day, and had given up both by candle light. I continued under Dr. Wheeler's care ten days, when I was able to leave the city, return home and apply the remedies myself and in a short time my eyes were entirely well. I can now read and write during the day and evening without the least inconvenience. Thus from my own experience, I can assure the afflicted of my entire confidence in Dr. Wheeler's skill and ability to treat diseases of the eye, and most cheerfully recommend them to give him a trial.

S. D. WARD.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich street.

City and County of New York, ss.

Mr. Ebenezer Van Alst, of Montgomery, Orange County, being duly sworn, says that for upwards of eight years he was greatly afflicted with very weak eyes, and the sight of the right so bad he could not discern the features of any one—an ulcer having formed over the pupil, he expected nothing but total blindness. He came direct to New York, and was strongly recommended to place himself under Dr. Wheeler, of 33 Greenwich street, who he is now happy to say, has entirely restored his sight, and his eyes are quite well. He begs further to testify, that during his attending at Dr. Wheeler's office he met numerous patients (some of whom said they had been totally blind,) all speaking in the highest terms of the great benefit they were daily receiving from Doctor Wheeler's treatment; and further ore this deponent says he has voluntarily made this affidavit, being well known at Montgomery, and that Dr. Wheeler may make this statement known that the afflicted may know to whom to apply.

EBENEZER VANALST.

Sworn before me this 14th day of December, 1843,

R. STRONG, Com. of Deeds.

City and County of New York, ss.

Mr. James E. Mason, carpenter, of New London, Connecticut, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he has had a squint in both his eyes during his life, that on the 21st, he put himself under Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, of 33 Greenwich-street, N. Y., after an operation which occupied but a few seconds, with scarcely any pain, his eyes were made perfectly straight.

JAMES E. MASON.

Sworn before me, this 22d day of Dec., 1843.

R. STRONG, Com. of Deeds.

City and County of New York, ss.

Mr. Frederiek Stewart of Rochester, being duly sworn, says that for the last sixteen years he has been afflicted with very weak eyes and inflamed eyelids, and though he has tried various remedies recommended by other medical men, he could obtain no relief; and that on the 16th of September last, he was induced from the cures he had heard had been effected by Dr. Wheeler, oculist, 33 Greenwich street, to come on to New York and placed himself under his care, for which he has now to be thankful, as he has entirely effected a cure.

FREDERICK STEWART.

Sworn before me this 23d day of October, 1843.

D. T. GLEASON, Com. of Deeds.

New York, March 15, 1842.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich-street.

Dear Sir—That you may, if you think proper, make publicly known the high estimation in which I hold you as an Oculist, I beg to give you, in addition to my verbal acknowledgments of the benefits you have conferred upon me as a parent, this written avowal of my great indebtedness to you for restoring the sight of my poor little child from the dangerous disorder which lately affected its sight. The child was of such tender years, and its disease was of such an alarming character, that I despaired, until told of your skill in such matters, of ever obtaining any remedy for her, and the more especially as other physicians had afforded her no relief. I am happy, however, thus to confess that you have effectually cured her, and the more especially so, as other physicians had afforded her no relief; and I cordially, heartily thank you, for your highly successful exertions.

Yours, respectfully,

MARTIN WATERS, 113 Hammersley-street.

New York, 82 Broad-street, February 2, 1841.

Dear Sir,—It has occurred to me, that if a proper publicity be given to the extraordinary cure which you some time since performed upon my infant child, it might be the means of drawing to your attention and care many poor and afflicted children, whose parents are now ignorant of the facility and the rapidity with which you can effect a cure, even in the most distressing and dangerous diseases of the eye. My child, when two months old, was unable to see any thing, both eyes appearing to be a mass of soreness, and continually oozing from the sockets. Some friend, who knew of your great experience and skill in such matters, induced me to apply to you; and I am happy to say, that the speedy recovery of the child was the conse-

quente. The case itself was of so extraordinary a character, and the cure effected against so many seeming difficulties and disadvantages, that it ought to be made generally known.

I am, dear Sir, yours, most respectfully,

L. S. WICKER.

Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 35 Greenwich street.

City and County of New York: to wit:

In the hope of being serviceable to some of my afflicted fellow-creatures, I hereby voluntarily offer my grateful testimonials to Dr. Wheeler, the oculist, for restoring me to perfect sight (from total blindness,) after having been unsuccessfully treated and operated upon by upwards of twenty of the most eminent and celebrated medical men of this city and different parts of the United States.

In witness whereof, I make deposition, under oath, to its truth, and hereunto subscribe my name.

JAMES O. FARRELL, 134 Madison Street.

Sworn before me, the 30th day of March, 1842.

GEORGE IRELAND, Com. Deeds, Wall-street.

City and County of New York: ss.

David Powell, 158 Jackson Street, Brooklyn, being duly sworn, says that he was afflicted eight years with the Egyptian ophthalmia, and ulcers in the eyes, and though under the care of one of the first oculists at the Eye Infirmary four and a half years, he experienced no relief, but became blind, in which state he was placed under the treatment of Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich-street, who has entirely restored his sight.

DAVID POWELL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of March, 1842.

JOHN BULKLEY, Com. Deeds, 12 Wall-street.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich st. New York.

Sir,—Prompted by grateful feelings for the restoration of the sight of my left eye, after I had in vain tried the professional skill of several physicians, and the remedies prescribed by the Eye Infirmary at New-York, I beg leave to return my sincere acknowledgments to you. My right eye was totally blind from the Egyptian Ophthalmia, and in a bad state of ulceration; but in the course of three months your assiduous and efficacious treatment has effected the complete restoration of my eye-sight, and I shall consider you as my best benefactor, and my duty to recommend you to all those who may be unfortunately afflicted with diseases of the eyes.

MARY OUTWATER.

Monarky, near Hackensack, N. J. 15th January, 1840.

City and County of New York: ss.

Mary-Ann Pirley, daughter of Mrs. Whimples, No. 94, Catharine-st. being duly sworn, says, that she, a short time since, suffered dreadfully with a disease, known technically, (as deponent is informed,) to be amaurosis, which rendered her quite blind. Although she had the best assistance that could be afforded her at the Eye Infirmary, (as well from an eminent oculist in the city, who eventually told her the sight could never be restored,) she never received any essential benefit.

until she was placed under the care of Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich-street, whose kind and skilful treatment has entirely restored her:
MARY-ANN PIRLEY.

Sworn before me, this 16th day of April, 1842.

ISAAC P. MARTIN, Com. Deeds, 7 Wall st

City and County of New York, ss.

Mr. S. Cady, 85 High-street, Providence, R. I., being duly sworn says, that he was totally blind in his left eye, for nine years. The cause of the blindness was cataract; that he applied to Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, of 33 Greenwich-street, who (by an operation attended by very little pain and inconvenience, and without danger,) has perfectly restored his sight. Under such circumstances, he feels it his duty to state his gratitude to the Doctor, for the inestimable benefit which his skill has conferred upon him.

S. CADY.

Sworn before me, this 5th day of April, 1842.

GEORGE IRELAND, Jr., Com. Deeds, 7 Wall st.

City of New York, 29th July, 1842.

This is to certify, that I, Peter Green, employed in the engineer's department of the Narangassett* steamboat, was, for five years dreadfully afflicted with diseased eyes, one of which became totally blind, and the other being so bad that I could with difficulty see any thing; that, after having consulted and employed some of the most eminent surgeons of this city and Philadelphia, none of whom were able to render me any medical assistance, (and several of whom pronounced my case incurable,) I was advised to place myself under the treatment and care of Dr. Wheeler, the Oculist, of No 33 Greenwich street, who has restored the sight of the eye that was before totally obscured, and otherwise so far relieved me without resorting to any surgical operation, as to enable me to prosecute my business, and attend to the duties of my station.

PETER GREEN.

New York, July 29th, 1841.

Personally appeared, before me, the above named Peter Green, who on being sworn, says, that the certificate to which his signature is affixed, is true in all its parts.

W. AUSTIN, Com. Deeds, 14 Wall st.

New York, January 29 1841.

Dear Sir,—Prior to your becoming so extensively known as you now are, and before your practice became so extensive as it now appears to be, you were in the habit occasionally of publishing letters from patients whom you had restored, under circumstances of an unusual or remarkable character. Should you deem it worth your while, at any time in future, (and I think you sometimes ought to do so, for the benefit and information of the afflicted who are unacquainted with you,) to publish any similar documents, you may refer to my case as one which, of itself, would be the most conclusive evidence of your superior skill as an Oculist. Before placing myself under your care, I had been a sufferer from inflamed and disordered eyes upwards of ten years, and had consulted many eminent men, whose advice and remedies did me no good. You, however, by your knowledge of the disease: and aided by the great experience you have had in treating all disorders connected with the eye, very soon restored me to perfect health, which I continue to enjoy up to this moment.

Yours, respectfully, **HENRY S ACKERLEY**, 30 Chrystie-st.
 Dr Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich st.

* Now on board the Steamer Rhode Island.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich street.

Dear Sir—Although I am perfectly well aware how many unquestionable evidences have already been made public of your eminent skill and success as an Oculist, and of how many more you possess that have never appeared in any newspaper or other print, yet it may not be unattended with good to you, or benefit to the community at large, to offer you my additional testimony of the remarkable efficacy of your peculiar mode of treatment, and at the same time to tender you an assurance of my gratitude for the inestimable service you have rendered my family, by curing my daughter of a serious attack of amanosis of the eye, after the exertions, operations and treatment of other highly reputable professional gentlemen had altogether failed.

Indeed, so much more ability and knowledge of the disease did you manifest, that it was not until placed under your charge, that we were made acquainted with the fact that she was *totally blind* of one eye. You were first advised with on the 24th December last; *with but little inconvenience or pain, and without surgical operation*, you effected a most astonishingly rapid cure, it being now about three weeks from the date of your commencing your attendance, since which she has been enabled regularly to go to school.

Such facts should speak loudly in your behalf, not only in this city and state, but throughout every section of the union, and trusting that your fame may spread as rapidly as your deserts entitle you to,

I remain, respectfully, yours, &c.

JOHN COOK, 3 Chambers-street, (now 70 Canal-street.)

New York, 26th October, 1840.

East Chester, 15th June, 1839.

In justice to Dr. Wheeler, and because it may be useful to the public, I do hereby state that Mrs. Briggs who has been residing with me nearly a year, who was recently afflicted with severe inflammation of the eyes, and over one of which a film had extended itself, so that she could not perform her usual employment. Two physicians of eminent ability attended her, and the professional means of leeching, cupping, blistering, cathartics, eye washes &c. &c. were resorted to, without any decidedly beneficial effect. At length one of the physicians frankly advised her to go to New York to some able professional Oculist, or else in a very few days she would totally lose the sight of her left eye, and endanger the other. She was placed under the care of Dr. Wheeler, and in the short term of seven weeks, he accomplished a perfect cure. The case was by every one that saw it, considered a bad one, and by some hopeless, and therefore the cure more extraordinary, and such as satisfies me that Dr. Wheeler is a perfect master of his profession. PAULUS HEDL.

New York, 31st May, 1842.

Dear Sir,—I think it a duty you owe to the public, to make known your ability of doing so much good amongst the afflicted with bad eyes, for I have known numerous cases that have been under your care, (that were considered to be hopeless by other medical men,) to have been totally cured by your treatment. The case of my own child is a sufficient proof of your skill in such cases; for when put under your care, she had been blind for some time from the Scrofulous Ophthalmia, and in less than three weeks you restored her sight, and I am happy to say she still continues well. Being well known in the First Ward,

you can publish this and refer any one to me.

SAUEL L. JONES, 26 Moore-st.

To Dr. Wheeler, 33 Greenwich street.

New York, 20th July, 1842.

To Dr. Wheeler, 33 Greenwich street.

With gratitude I acknowledge your kind attention to my little child, who, when placed under your care in February last, had been totally blind for nine weeks, with the Phlyctenular Ophthalmia, and during the period had very little hopes of ever gaining her sight, as she derived no benefit from the treatment that was adopted by the different medical men who had been consulted. I am gratified, however, to say you have completely cured her. To any one who may have children similarly afflicted, you may refer to see the child, who now enjoys the best of sight and health.

Yours, very respectfully,
THEODORE DEPEU, 169 Allen-st.

New York, 31st June, 1842.

To Dr. Wheeler, 33 Greenwich street.

Dear Sir.—The great suffering I endured for some months from the Catarrhal Ophthalmia, which had then blinded me, and expecting I had lost the sight of both eyes forever, I am now at a loss to express my gratitude for the complete cure you have effected, especially as by other medical men, it had been considered a hopeless case.

With great respect, I remain respectfully yours,
MARTIN MEHRTENS, 1 Elizabeth-st.

Respected Sir,—Suffering severely with the Ophthalmia, I applied to you, and by your judicious treatment the disease was entirely removed, and my eyes were soon well, which enables me, with confidence to recommend those similarly situated, to place themselves under your care.

JOHN BODINE, 79 Decy Street.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich street.

City and County of New York, ss.

Phineas B. Post of New London, Connecticut, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he has had a squint in both eyes for twenty-four years, and that on the 14th day of July he put himself under Dr. Wheeler's care, when he was operated upon, and that since the aforesaid date, his eyes have been perfectly straight. Phineas B. Post doth moreover depose, that the operation was performed in a very few seconds, with very little pain, and no inconvenience after the operation.

PHINEAS B. POST.

Sworn before me, this 20th day of July, 1842.

ISAAC P. MARTIN, Com. Deeds, 14 Wall st.

New York, 14th August, 1842.

I have been personally acquainted with Dr. Wheeler, oculist, for upwards of nine years, during which time I have had ample opportunities of forming an accurate judgment of his ability as an oculist, and have felt much gratified in witnessing his success in the various disorders of the eye, as well as his manual operations on this delicate organ. I have had many opportunities of witnessing the operations performed by the most successful and eminent Oculists of the day. In justice, I can say, from my own experience, that Dr. Wheeler is as

successful as any of that profession, and what is more peculiarly important to the nervous, Dr. Wheeler is a very delicate operator.

A. C. CASTLE, M. D., 381 Broadway.

New York, August 1. 1859

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist.

To me it is a grateful duty to certify in favour of Dr. Wheeler's capability as an oculist, that I was for twelve months afflicted with severe inflammation of the eye, painfully inconvenient, and threatening a total loss of sight. After using various remedies that were recommended, I employed Dr. Wheeler, who in a short time effected a perfect cure.

JANE TRYON, 127 Liberty street.

Affidavit of Mr. Lathrop P. Weaver, of Voluntown, Windham County, State of Connecticut.

The above named L. P. Weaver, as aforesaid, has this day appeared at my office, and made oath to the following, viz:—That having for three years past been afflicted with a disease of the eyes of a very serious character, which he contracted while on a visit to the state of Michigan, he made application, on the 13th of December inst., for medical aid at the office of Dr. Wheeler, 33 Greenwich street, who had been strongly recommended to him as a remarkably skilful and successful oculist—that this deponent has been, from the aforesaid date to this period, under the treatment of the said Dr. Wheeler, who has now cured him, without subjecting this deponent to be confined entirely to his room. And this deponent further saith, that he makes this affidavit at his own desire, and solely with a view to recommend others who may be similarly afflicted to the very excellent care and attention, and surprising skill of the aforesaid Dr. Wheeler.

LATHROP P. WEAVER.

Sworn before me this twenty-seventh day of December, 1842.

J. P. MARTIN, Com. of Deeds.

City of Providence, 3d August, 1847.

Sir,—This is to certify that, two years ago, I was afflicted with an attack of the varioloid. While under this distressing complaint, my eyes became sore and inflamed, causing an obstruction of the lachrymal duct, or tear passage. After suffering much pain and inconvenience, I was advised to apply to Dr. Wheeler, oculist, 33 Greenwich street, for relief. Under his mild and efficacious treatment, the obstruction has been removed, and my eyes restored to their primitive state of health. I would therefore, cheerfully recommend him to all persons suffering from the disorder.

JOHN DAVENPORT.

New-York, March 11, 1845.

Dr. Wheeler—Sir—I very willingly comply with your request, to give you an acknowledgement of the skill which you manifested during your attendance upon my wife, who, sometime since, had one of her eyes severely injured by an accident. She suffered much from pain and excessive inflammation, which was so great, I had little hopes of the sight being restored; but I was as much gratified as astonished that you should within a few days, and after but four or five visits, entirely cure her. I believe that if the publication of such evidences of skill and success were more frequent and general, many hundreds would be relieved from diseases and injuries of the eye, which they are now taught to believe incurable.

Yours, very respectfully,

JOHN SIMPSON, Broker, 25 Chatham street.

New York, 2d November. 1842.

DEAR DOCTOR,—Will you allow me to add my testimony to that of your numerous other patients, regarding the perfect cure you have made of my wife's eye of squinting? I would never have believed that it was possible to effect so complete a cure in so short a time, and with so little pain or inconvenience, unless I had seen it demonstrated in her case. I am happy to say that her sight is now perfect, and her eye straight.

Very truly your friend,

MARCUS MITCHELL, 40 Hudson st., & 174 Greenwich-st.,

To Dr. Wheeler.

This is to certify, that being for several months deprived of my sight, occasioned by an infliction of the ophthalmia, I was strongly advised to place myself under the care of Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33. Greenwich-street, and have now cause to be thankful for having done so, as by his treatment my sight was soon restored; and my eyes are now better than they have been for years,

R. PRICHARD, Carpenter, 398 Washington street, N. Y.

City and County of New York, ss.

Dominick Conroy, of No. 64, Montgomery street, in said city and county, assistant to H. L. Dickens, Esq, one of the coast surveyors, of the United States, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that a little daughter of his, twelve years of age, who was afflicted with the scrofulous ophthalmia, and who had, besides, ulcers in both eyes of so bad a character that she became totally blind, was placed by this deponent under the treatment of Dr. Wheeler, oculist, of No. 33 Greenwich street, this deponent having previously placed her under the charge of several other medical gentlemen of reputed skill, who rendered her no service whatever. In addition to this, the said unfortunate child (whose affliction was then of five years' duration,) was attended by the ophthalmic surgeons connected with the Eye Infirmary in this city; but all without any essential relief being afforded her, until the aforesaid Dr. Wheeler was applied to, when, by his surprising skill, aided by the long and extensive experience which he has had as an oculist, he produced an *almost immediate* beneficial change in her situation and appearance, and ultimately restored her to health and sight.

DOMINICK CONROY.

Sworn before me, this first day of April, 1843,

J. P. MARTIN, Com. of Deeds

Brooklyn, L. I., April 9th, 1843,

Sir,—It is with the greatest satisfaction that I add my testimony to the abundant evidences which are in your possession (many of which I have seen published,) concerning remarkable cures performed by you, in your profession as an oculist. If I can do either yourself or the afflicted portion of the community any good by making a public statement of the following facts, you are at liberty to use it:

Two of my daughters, one ten, and the other two years of age, were shockingly afflicted with disorders of the eyes; the eldest, as I was informed, was afflicted with the Scrofulous Ophthalmia, with such very bad

ulcers over the pupils, that she was nearly blind for five years, and the youngest was blind for about one year. All the advice I got, and the remedies that were advised to be used, affording her no relief, I had despaired of their ever being restored, until at last I was made acquainted with your great celebrity, skill and experience, in such cases. I immediately applied to you, and I had the great satisfaction soon to find that all I had heard of you was fully realized, and my most ardent expectations more than fulfilled, in the fact of your effecting a complete and permanent cure of my children in a very few days, and without subjecting them to much inconvenience or pain.

I am, Sir, yours, with gratitude,

JAMES McFARLAN, Engineer of the Brooklyn Ferry Company.

97 Mercer Street, New York, 17th May, 1845.

To Dr. Wheeler, 29 Greenwich street.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps one of the most extraordinary instances of medical success (so far as ophthalmic practice is concerned), is the case which you have attended in our family, in which you have been able to restore the sight of our sister, who had been almost totally blind and confined to her house for near four years, prior to your attendance. Of so desperate a character was the disorder, that we despaired of ever obtaining her any effectual relief; and more especially so, when we found that the exertions of eminent Surgeons, whom we had employed, were fruitless. As a last resource, the long suffering patient was about to submit to a dangerous and painful operation, when we heard of your skill in such cases, and were fortunately advised to consult you, and the result is a success on your part, and an advantage to the patient, which we never ventured to expect, or even to hope for, and this, too, without causing her much pain or inconvenience, and without resorting to other than apparently simple remedies. Under such circumstances, our family deem it due to you, that we express our high appreciation of your happy and scientific mode of treating diseases of the eye. You may, if you think proper, make a public use of this case. Hoping that success may continue to attend your exertions, we remain yours, very respectfully,

ABBY SEIXAS.
GRACE SEIXAS.

Dr. Wheeler:

Dear Sir,—Being informed that you are about to publish a new edition of your pamphlet, treating of diseases of the Eye, I am desirous that you should add to the long list of remarkable cures already obtained, the case of my daughter, aged about two years. In the month of February last, after being satisfied of your skill as an oculist, I placed her under your care, her eyes then being in such a situation as to lead us to fear she might entirely lose her sight. Indeed the vision of one eye was entirely obscured, and the swelling so great, that the ball could not be seen; her general health being at the same time seriously impaired. In such a state, of course we were much alarmed about her. I have now, however, Sir, the gratification to state (and my object in now writing is to do so publicly) that in the short space of six or seven weeks, you completely restored not only her sight, but also materially improved her health. I, therefore, take great pleasure in thus bearing testimony to your superior skill as an oculist, and with my best wishes for your health and continued usefulness,

I remain yours, very respectfully,

JAMES S. FOLGER.

New York—206 Broadway, and 124 Maiden-Lane.

May 23, 1845.

City and County of New York, ss.

On the 9th of last month, I placed my little daughter, three years old, who had sore eyes, and was completely blind of the left, under the care of Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich-street. To the astonishment of all who knew her, her sight is perfectly restored, and her eyes are well. In the hope of leading others to the same blessing that, he has enjoyed, I voluntarily make this statement under oath.

CHRISTOPHER BURNS,
Grand-street, corner of Thompson.

Sworn before me, this 28th day of April, 1842.

W. R. BEEBE, Com. Deeds, 81 Nassau-st.

New York, March 19, 1839.

The subscriber has for the last nine years been afflicted with weak and inflamed eyes. During that time he has tried various applications, without any permanent relief. About six months since, I applied to Dr. J. Wheeler, Oculist, and his treatment has entirely removed the inflammation and swelling from my eyes. I do recommend Dr. Wheeler to all those who have bad eyes, and do believe that he can give them very great relief, if not effectually cure them.

DAVID KIMBERLY,
Front-street, N. Y.

New York, 30th January, 1842.

Dear Sir—The great benefit I have received from your professional attendance upon me, since my sight became impaired from a severe attack of the measles 15 years since, succeeded by that malady named by physicians, Ophthalmia Tarsi, demands from me an acknowledgment in terms much stronger than I am capable of expressing. As you propose giving some public references and testimonials on the subject of your peculiar mode of treating diseases of the eye, I have no objection that you shall say, on my part, that I have the utmost confidence in your ability to remove any curable disease, and by means, too, which would scarcely inconvenience even the most delicate and timid.

Yours, respectfully,
CHAS. G. KETCHUM, 71 William-st. N. Y.

New York, June 12, 1840.

Dear Sir—I am now happy to be able to inform you, that through your attention, my eyes, after having been inflamed and out of order for the last ten years, are now completely restored. It affords me the greatest gratification to be enabled to say, that had it not been for your skill as an Oculist, I probably should never been able to use them for any purpose that required the least strain or exertion of sight, and that I had used various remedies, all to no purpose.

Yours, respectfully,
JUSTUS D. MILLER, 151 Chatham-st.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist.

New York, 23d January, 1840.

Dear Sir—As you propose publishing in your pamphlet (treating on the properties of your Balsam of Moscatello, the good effects of which permit me to say, have been experienced in my family,) a few cases of the difficult cures you have effected during your professional career as an Oculist, I wish to make that of my son's publicly known, in the hope of being instrumental to your relieving others similarly

situated. He is now 10 years of age, and for the last 7 years he had been a great sufferer from a violent inflammation in his eyes, and from a still more dangerous disease called the Ophthalmia Tarsi. Though under the care of several professional men of this city, of high standing in treating and operating upon diseases of the eye, he could obtain no sound or wholesome relief. From the very respectable references accompanying your advertisement in the Evening Star, in conjunction with the recommendation of some friends, I was induced to place him under your treatment; and it now affords me pleasure in saying that this has been the means of entirely removing the inflammation, and restoring his eyes to perfect health.

I remain, yours, very respectfully,

JAS. H. SUYDAM, 55 Carmine-st., N. Y.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich st. N. Y.

New York, 25th January, 1839

Sir—Among the individuals to whom you may refer for proof of your skill and ability as an Oculist, I am quite willing that you shall add my name, having had sufficient evidence, in the case of my little daughter, of the safe, tender and efficacious manner in which you treat diseases of the eye. From a blow which she unfortunately received, one of her eyes became not only dangerously inflamed, but was covered with a film, which alarmed me and other members of my family. By a timely application to you, however, you completely cured her in a few days, and with very little inconvenience or pain. As regards your Balsam of Moscatello, the benefit it afforded to my family during the last summer, was such as to warrant me to recommend it for any child troubled with relaxed bowels.

Respectfully, yours, &c.

JOHN HARRIS,

182 Ludlow st. and No. 40 Washington Market, N. Y.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich st. N. Y.

Dear Sir—I beg to certify that my son was afflicted upwards of six years, not only with a violent inflammation in both eyes, but a film on his left eye, and though he had been under other medical men, he could obtain no relief, until I placed him under your care. The film being entirely removed, and that eye as perfectly well as the other, he is able to return to school, and I feel pleasure in making known to the public, the high opinion I have of your skill and ability in the treatment of such complaints.

I remain your very obliged,

PETER MEAD, Washington Market, 205 Worcester st.

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich st. N. Y.

Sir—When I consulted you, I was under the apprehension of losing my eye-sight, not only by a film that was growing over my eye, but from a very great weakness, which was daily increasing. I feel now pleasure in saying that the film is removed, and my eyes considerably strengthened; so much so that I have dispensed with my glasses entirely. Any person wishing to communicate personally with me on the subject, will find me at the office of the Evening Post, or at my residence, No. 9 York street.

I am, sir, yours, gratefully and obliged,

ELIJAH B. LOOMIS,

To Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 33 Greenwich st.

Office of the Evening Post.

City and County of New-York, ss.

Thomas Hunt, of No. 111 Cliff street, in said city and county, being sworn, saith his daughter, six years and a half old, was for two years dreadfully afflicted with scrofulous ophthalmia, attended with such an ulceration of the eyes, that she could not bear the light. And this deponent further saith, that although she procured medical aid for said child, she continued to suffer severely, until by the advice of Mr. James O'Farrell, a friend of deponent's family, (who himself had been restored by Dr. Wheeler from total blindness to perfect sight) application was made, on the 26th February last, to the said Dr. Wheeler, at his office No. 33 (now 29), Greenwich-street, and that by the 17th of March following, a period less than three weeks, the said child was completely cured. And deponent further saith, that during his attendance at the aforesaid establishment of Dr. Wheeler, he has frequently conversed with numerous patients, who have experienced almost immediate relief at his hands, and were rapidly progressing towards entire recovery, after being discharged from hospitals, infirmaries, and other attendance, as incurable.

THOMAS HUNT

Sworn before me this 22d day of May, 1845,
R. STRONG, Com. of Deeds.

New York, 25th May, 1845

Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, 29 Greenwich street :

Dear Sir,—I desire publicly to acknowledge the eminently successful manner in which you have treated my little boy, who had been dreadfully afflicted with the erysipelatous ophthalmia, that he became an object of compassion to all who saw him, and until we consulted you, we were apprehensive that he would not recover;—his face was covered with eruptions, and I am glad to say that, owing to your skill, these have been removed, in addition to his sight being made perfect. I may add, that my obligations have been increased by a still more recent attendance by you upon my eldest son, from whose eye you extracted several particles of glass, which had accidentally got there, and which caused him much uneasiness and pain. I write this publicly, in the hope that it may benefit persons at a distance from New-York, who are unfortunate enough to require the aid of an experienced and skilful oculist.

Yours very respectfully,

ZEBLON C. FAVOR, Cabinet-maker, 7 Dey street.

City and County of New-York, ss.

William Kirk, of No. 2 Leonard-street, in said City and County, being sworn, does (with the desire of conveying useful information, and giving hope and consolation to the afflicted), voluntarily make oath, that for upwards of three years he was deprived of his sight, and that after being returned from the Eye Infirmary and the Hospital, as incurable, he placed himself under the care of Dr. Wheeler, oculist, No. 29 [late 33] Greenwich street, who has restored the sight of this deponent, so that this deponent has ever since been able to attend to business, and earn a livelihood.

Sworn before me this twenty eighth day of May, 1845.

WM. T. SINCLAIR, Com. of Deeds.

State of New Jersey, City of Newark, ss.

John Brophy, of No. 39 Mechanic-street, in the City of New Jersey, being sworn saith, that having a short time since met with an accident (by the explosion of a bottle,) which so severely injured him in one of his eyes as to take away the sight, he applied to Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, of No. 33, Greenwich-street New York, who, in three days, entirely restored the sight, and effected a complete cure.

JOHN BROPHY,

Sworn before me this twenty-eighth day of January, 1845.

STEPHEN HAINES, Justice of the Peace.

City and County of New-York, ss.

Thomas W. Gibbons, of Warren-street, corner Court-street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, being sworn, saith that a daughter of his, twelve years of age, who had suffered for upwards of six years from Scrofulous Ophthalmia, and severe ulceration, so that she could not bear the light of day, was restored to health and full vigor of sight under the treatment of Dr. Wheeler, Oculist, of No. 33 Greenwich-street, New York.

And this deponent further saith, that the said child previous to being placed under Dr. Wheeler's care, was attended by various other Medical Men, without experiencing any visible relief whatever; and some of whom pronounced her incurable.

THOMAS W. GIBBONS

Sworn before me, this twenty-eight day of February, 1845

ROBERT M. STRONG, Com. of Deeds.

City of Newark, Essex County, State of New Jersey, ss.

Patrick Kelly, of No 38 Catherine-street, in said City and County, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that for several years he suffered severely from ophthalmia of the eyes, during which period he applied to many physicians celebrated as oculists, who could not render him any assistance or relief, and he began to despair of ever being cured, when he was recommended to consult Dr. Wheeler, 33 Greenwich-street, in the city of New-York. At this time, deponent had been confined for several weeks in a dark room, having a film grown over one of his eyes, and entirely unable to attend to any business. And this deponent further saith, that after applying to the aforesaid Dr Wheeler, he began to experience great relief, and that the said Dr. Wheeler has, in a few months, not only removed the film from the deponent's eyes, but completely restored his sight, and made them as strong as they were before he was afflicted.

PATRICK KELLY.

Sworn before me this 14th day of May, 1845, {

SAM. B. MILLER, Judge of Com. Pleas. }

City and County of New York, ss.

James Jones, of said city and county, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, while in the hospital at Port Mahon, Island of Minorca, (where he was sent from the United States sloop of-war. Plymouth, for a fracture of his leg.) was taken with a disease of the eyes, known as Ophthalmia, then very prevalent among persons connected with the Navy, and suffered so much from said disease, that he was certain of becoming hopelessly blind. Learning, however, from a seaman named John Lloyd, who had been similarly situated, that he had been restored to sight by Dr. Wheeler, of the city of New York, after being discharged as incurable from the Navy Hospital—his deponent was also sent home as incurable. and obtained his discharge on the 30th of May last. He immediately made application to the said Dr Wheeler, of 29 Greenwich street, who has now, by his most humane, gentle, and efficient mode of treatment, entirely restored the sight of this deponent, and rendered him again able to enter the Navy, and attend to the duties of his station. He likewise asserts he met numerous patients at Dr. Wheeler's office, who had been discharged from the Navy and other hospitals as incurable, all of whom were gradually experiencing a restoration of sight.

JAMES JONES, Capt. of the Forecastle.

Sworn before me this 21st day of June, 1845.

JOHN M. FRENCH, Com. of Deeds.

REFERENCES

To Members of the respectable Society of Friends.

- Mr. White, 201 Pearl-street, cured of extreme weakness and dimness of sight, as well as an inflammation in both eyes.
- Mr. T. W. Burling, Milton, Ulster County, cured of pterygium and acute pains in the eye-balls, arising from the pressure of their fluids.
- Mr. J. J. Merrett, 55 Cedar-street, and corner of Orange and Columbia-streets, Brooklyn, daughter cured of blindness in right eye, from the pustular ophthalmia.
- Mr. Barnes, 201 Pearl-street, cured of violent inflammation, and a film on right eye, from pustular ophthalmia.
- Mr. Samuel Smith, William street, and 183 Henry street, son cured of amaurosis, and two daughters of tumors in the inner canthus, and extreme weakness of sight.
- Mr. S. Lawrence, 97 Amos-street and 53 Liberty-street, son cured, being nearly blind with the phlyctenular ophthalmia of long standing.

REFERENCES

To the following highly respectable Merchants and others, of the City of New York.

- Rev. C. G. Sommers, 82 Madison-street, Pastor of the Baptist Church Nassau-street.
- Rev. D. Bellamy, 17 Stanton-street, Pastor of the Baptist Church Stanton street.
- Rev. Geo. Hatt, City Missionary, 155 Leonard-street.
- Doctor A. C. Castle, 381 Broadway.
- Doctor Houston, Herald Office, Fulton-street.
- Doctor S. Spooner, 106 Liberty street.
- Doctor Sargeant, 38 Courlandt-street.
- Henry S. Mulligan, Esq. 60 Pearl-street, and 760 Broadway, cured of the ophthalmia tarsi.
- Richard Irvin, Esq., 193 Front-street, President of St. Andrew's Society, who witnessed the case of a Scotchman, named Thomas Barret, a sailor, who was nearly blind from malignant purulent ophthalmia. He had been under the care of several eminent physicians, without benefit, and was cured after six months' treatment by Dr. Wheeler.
- Isaac Young, Esq., 24 Greenwich-street, and 192 Broadway.—Mrs. Young cured of rheumatic ophthalmia.
- T. S. Whitaker, Esq., 35 Wall street.
- Mr. W. W. Townsend, 17 Eldridge-street, cured of chronic inflammation in the eye-lids of long standing.
- Mr. Thomas Knock, 172 Broadway.—Particles of steel removed from his eye.
- Mrs. Meday, 21 Rivington-street.—Daughter cured of double vision, and rheumatic ophthalmia.
- Mr. Horton, 379 Broadway, cured of iritis, and his child of purulent ophthalmia.
- Leonard W. Kip, Esq., 523 Broadway, cured of ophthalmia tarsi, (a disease of the eyelids.)

- F. Bartlett, Esq., 30 Wall street, and 814 Greenwich-street, daughter cured of a very bad scrofulous ulcer, and inflammation in right eye.
- D. A. Booth, Esq., 100 William street, daughter cured of strabismus, and brother in law cured of very weak eyes, and chronic inflammation of the lids, of 17 years standing, and ulcers over the pupil, after being under the treatment of some of the most eminent oculists in the city.
- L. F. Fuller, Esq. 143 West street, cured of a stoppage in the tear duct, and a fungus in the inward canthus.
- William Maefarlane, Esq., 122 Broad-st., corner Front-st., cured of chalazion, or fibrinous tumor of the eyelid.
- John Goodband, Esq., 144 Pearl-street, cured of stoppage in the tear duct, and lachrymal fistula.
- Charles G. Havens, Esq., 55 Wall-street, cured of weakness of sight and inflammation, having been afflicted for upwards of three years.
- Mr. Albert A. Rogers, 92 Macdougall street, cured of the ophthalmia.
- Mr. John Ramsay, 45 Maiden Lane, cured of erysipelatous inflammation of the eyelids, of long standing.
- Capt. George H. Hitchcock, 97 Prospect street, Brooklyn, whose sister-in-law after being totally blind with the rheumatic ophthalmia, is now restored to sight.
- Mr. Israel Minor, 214 Fulton-street, son cured of phlyctenular ophthalmia, of long standing
- Mrs. L. Combe, 38 Broadway, son cured of iritis.
- Mr. W. H. Stinemets, 99 Cedar-street, daughter cured (without the use of instruments,) nearly blind in the left eye with cataract.
- Mr. James Suydam, 251 Grand street, cured of a violent inflammation in the eyes, and speck on the cornea.
- Mr. Thos J. Vail, 285 Grand-street, cured of the rheumatic ophthalmia, and Mr. French, his clerk, of incipient amaurosis.
- Mrs. Smith, 559 Broadway, cured of encysted tumour in the vicinity of the lachrymal sac.
- Mrs. Wait, 337 Pearl-street, Franklin square, cured of a cancer of the lower eyelid.
- Mr. Augustus Baker, 9 South-street, cured of chronic ophthalmia.
- Mr. D. G. Stevens, 2 South-street, cured, having suffered greatly from inflammation of both eyes, attended with a film.
- Mr. John Munson, builder, 22d-street, cured of specks in both eyes, having been afflicted for some years.
- Mr. J. P. Haff, Bedford street, son cured of an incised wound, by glass, on the cornea.
- Mr. Charles S. Benson, 219 Bleecker-street, son cured of pustular ophthalmia.
- Mr. Edward Cruikshanks, 40 Greenwich-street, cured of catarrhal ophthalmia; and tumours in the inner canthus of the eye.
- Mr. James McGlover, exchange broker, 66 Courtlandt-street, daughter cured, being nearly blind from the pustular ophthalmia.
- Mr. J. H. Immen, 189 Spring-street, son cured of pustular ophthalmia.
- Mrs. Catharine Segoine, 30 Orchard-street, cured of a terrible chronic inflammation of the eyes, arising from a severe contusion, and was of four years' standing.

- Mrs. Magie, 409 Broome-street, two sons cured: one of whom was totally blind from the Egyptian ophthalmia, and the other of severe inflammation in both eyes.
- Mr. A. S. Smith, Secretary to the L.I. Insurance Company, Brooklyn, cured of erysipelatous inflammation of the eye-lids, of long standing.
- Mr. W. Conklin, 8 Bowery, adopted child cured of scrofulous ophthalmia.
- Mr. Bliss, 12 Moor-street, cured of an aggravated case of rheumatic ophthalmia.
- Mr. S. Cropper, 133 Division-street, cured of iritis.
- Mr. John J. Drummond, 40 Greenwich-street, cured, having been greatly afflicted with malignant purulent ophthalmia.
- Mr. Fisher, portrait painter, 231 Grand-street, son cured of phlyctenular ophthalmia.
- Mr. D. Elston, merchant, Atlantic-street, Brooklyn, cured of squinting.
- Mr. John Barker, 160 Maiden-lane, and 54 Chrystie-street, daughter cured, her left eye having been nearly blind for four years, from an attack of the measles, which produced an ulcer over the pupil.
- Mr. Charles Parker, 161 Vandam st., from whose eyes particles of steel were extracted, after tormenting him upwards of four years, during which period neither the professional gentlemen connected with the Eye Infirmary, nor any other Surgeons, or medical men, had been able to detect them.

☞ Numerous other references to the Faculty and Families can be given.

OPHTHALMIA.—We regret to learn that in many of our ships of war a disease prevails which seriously affects the sight of numbers of the seamen, so as, in most instances to render them unfit for duty, without any adequate remedy being provided for them, other than such as can be given by the navy surgeons connected with the vessels or hospitals. In every civilized portion of Europe, it is generally conceded that ordinary medical men, however skilful as surgeons or physicians, have not, and cannot by possibility have, the same knowledge of the structure and physical organization of the visual organs as professional oculists, whose attention has been exclusively occupied in the study of that small and delicate, but important part of the human frame. We think, therefore, that the attention of Congress ought to be immediately called to this matter, especially during the unfortunate prevalence of the disorders we have mentioned, so as either to appoint a skilful oculist for each of the naval stations, or otherwise make arrangements for the compensation, at the expense of the government, of gentlemen skilled in the science, whose services might be required in aid of the poor sailor or marine.

The country would lose nothing by making such a provision; on the contrary, a vast amount of money, which now goes to a pension fund increased by such calamities, would be saved, besides securing to the nation, in many cases, faithful, brave and experienced tars, who would otherwise be, to use a sailor's phrase, 'laid up in ordinary;' and we may add that we believe there are not more than three or four skilful oculists in the United States, and in the event of such an arrangement by the government, we hazard nothing in saying that the best appointment that could be made, without reflecting upon the skill of others, would be Dr. Wheeler, to whom so many of these sailors have already applied and obtained relief—and some of whom have been happily restored to sight, who had been suffering from total blindness. Such an appointment would at least be grateful to them.—*Commercial Advertiser.*

Concluding Remarks.



Great good having been done in many families by the introduction to them of well-authenticated cases of cures, such as are recorded in this pamphlet. Dr. Wheeler earnestly entreats that all persons into whose hands this little work may fall, will preserve it for the information and—it is hoped—ultimate benefit of individuals afflicted with diseases of the Eye, who either are ignorant of there being a certain remedy in store for them, if they choose to apply for it,—or who have been taught to believe that their afflictions are incurable.

In another portion of this pamphlet, Dr. Wheeler has referred to the fact that the Ophthalmic Practice in this country has been much neglected, even by the most skilful and (in all other respects) accomplished and scientific Surgeons and Physicians; which illustrates the position that the instances are few where, as in the case of Dr. Wheeler, persons have devoted their entire time and exclusive attention to this particular and important branch of medical and surgical science.

From the general neglect of so vital and important a branch of Surgery necessary to render comfort and usefulness to those borne down with this terrific affliction, it is not at all extraordinary that so many failures take place in the numerous attempts to cure a large majority of disorders to which the human vision is liable, the diseases of which being so intricately combined with the peculiarities of our climate. Especially do we find that these failures and difficulties are more frequent in places remote from large cities, where access cannot well be had to the advice and assistance, the skill and care of an experienced Oculist.

Dr. Wheeler desires that he may not be misunderstood as wishing to take one laurel, or detract in any way, from any medical practitioner's mode of Ophthalmic practice, for he is under too many obligations to many of his professional friends, in all parts of the United States, who have recommended patients to his treatment, to entertain for them generally any other feeling than the most unfeigned and sincere respect; and he does not doubt that there are yet hundreds of gentlemen who, were they acquainted with his improved modes and medicinal applications in treating the diseases of the eye, his remarkable success in Ophthalmic practice would unhesitatingly protect him from the imputation of selfish or mercenary considerations, and would secure to his charge any of their friends who suffer severely from diseases of the Eye, the cure of which has heretofore been deemed problematical.

With this explanation, Dr. Wheeler hopes that he is not asking too much of any individual, when he solicits that as wide a circulation as possible may be given to the numerous remarkable and well-attested instances, set forth in this pamphlet, of persons being brought from darkness to light, and others effectually and permanently rescued from horrible agonies, unsightly and revolting obliquities, and impending "perpetual night." By such a course, the cause of science can be subserved, and hope and gladness carried to the homes of many a now sorrowing and desponding family.

JOHN WHEELER, *Oculist*,
29 Greenwich Street, New-York.

Dr. Wheeler's Practice as an Oculist.

There are no afflictions incident to humanity more distressing or painful than those which are attendant upon injury to the sight; and there are few diseases which more require the treatment of an experienced, skilful and scientific operator. Such a man, we have every reason to believe, is Dr. Wheeler, of No 29 Greenwich street, whose card, with a whole host of highly respectable references, appears in this paper. Satisfied from the numerous testimonials which he furnishes of the eminent success which has attended his humane mode of treatment, we feel pleasure in commending him to all who suffer from any infirmity of vision.—*Evening Post*.

Restoration to Sight.—One of the most surprising and pleasing evidences of the invaluable skill of Dr. Wheeler, as an Oculist, has been manifested within these few days, in the complete restoration of the "visual ray" in the case of the infant daughter of Mrs. Reeve, No. 10 Marion-street, in this city. The child had been for nearly a fortnight completely blind, in one of the severest stages of Egyptian Ophthalmia. The professional aid of Dr. W. was summoned, after the ineffectual attempts of a medical gentleman to administer relief. In the course of two days, by the skilful and judicious treatment of this distinguished oculist, the little sufferer was enabled to behold once more the countenance of a tender mother, and to add another enduring laurel to the professional fame of Dr. Wheeler.—*Courier and Enquirer*.

Professional Celebrity.—Dr. Wheeler, No. 29 Greenwich-street, who has had more said in his praise, and justly too, by the public press, than any medical gentleman that we know of, has recently added greatly to his laurels as an oculist by an extraordinary cure performed by him on the eyes of a Mr. Peter Green, whose certificate under oath, appears in this day's paper. It is certainly highly creditable to the skill of Dr. W., that he has accomplished so complete and thorough a remedy, in a case that had been pronounced desperate and hopeless by many other surgeons and physicians of reputed great talents and experience. Under such circumstances, he is well entitled to the unlimited confidence of the afflicted generally, in such cases.—*New World*.

Dr. Wheeler, the Oculist.—We have often had occasion to speak of the eminent Oculist, Dr. Wheeler, so long known and respected in this city as a gentleman who has done much for those of his fellow-citizens who have been afflicted with the most dreadful of all disorders, lost or impaired sight. His practice has been extensive, his success great. We refer our readers to a card of his in another part of this paper, in which a whole string of affidavits appear from those who have been under Dr. Wheeler's treatment. That of Mr. Martin Waters, 113 Flammersley-street, a gentleman universally known, is in itself a sufficient guarantee. In such a dreadful disorder as ophthalmia, persons should be exceedingly careful under whose care they place themselves, or their eyesight may be forever lost.—*New York Express*.

The Ophthalmic Science.—This important branch of medical science has not been cultivated in this country to any thing like so great an extent as it is in England and France. Dr. Wheeler, of No 29 Greenwich-street, whose card is published in this week's paper, is an oculist of eminent standing, having graduated under the instruction of one of the most distinguished professors of Europe. His practice here has been somewhat extensive, and the highest recommendation that can be given of his ability, is, that he has been uniformly successful. Persons, therefore, who unfortunately labor under an obstruction of vision, or who are afflicted with any of the numerous diseases incident to the delicate composition of the eye, may safely place themselves under his care.—*Star*.

DR. WHEELER, of 29 Greenwich-st., whose card appears in this day's paper, merits at our hands, and not less from the community generally, especial notice, for the success which attends his practice in the difficult and intricate science of Ophthalmia. Well skilled in his profession, as well from study as from experience, and adopting a mode of treatment peculiarly his own, which causes to his patients but little pain or inconvenience, his practice is daily becoming more and more extensive; and it will not astonish us if, ere long, he will, from his superior abilities, render a most important service to the afflicted, by depriving certain unskilful pretenders of that patronage which should alone be enjoyed by one who has made the structure of the eye, the patient and arduous study of many years. *Commercial Advertiser.*

OCULIST.—The eye is a delicate organ, the slightest cause affects its healthy tone, and brings in its train of inflammatory disease, a derangement of the entire nervous system; how important is it, therefore, that families should know to whom to repair in this affliction, with a confident expectation that skilful treatment will mitigate the sufferings and secure the restoration of the eye to its natural brightness. The citizens of New-York need not the aid of our pen; the fame of Dr. Wheeler has been established by immense success; but in the interior of the United States, the advertisement of the eminent Oculist will be perused with interest, and having experienced the benefit of his skill, we cheerfully recommend the Doctor to our country friends.—*N. Y. Com. Gaz.*

DR. WHEELER, THE OCULIST.—This gentleman, whose office is at No. 29 Greenwich-street, has established a reputation here, second to that of no other Oculist in the city. The many extraordinary cures he has effected, and the number of patients that are daily flocking to him, are sufficient evidences of this fact. To a most minute knowledge of his science, he adds great delicacy of application, and almost unexampled urbanity of manner. The many reports we have heard in his favor have urged us to the publication of this paragraph—it is due to him as a public benefactor.—*Herald.*

DISEASES OF THE EYE.—The unquestionably respectable character and standing of the gentlemen whose correspondence with Dr. Wheeler, the eminent Oculist, is published in this day's paper, gives ample proof that his course of successful practice is "onward," and that he is continually adding to the well-deserved popularity which he long since acquired in treating the many dangerous and delicate diseases to which the human eye is subject.—*Mercury.*

We take much pleasure in referring our readers to Dr. Wheeler's card, published in to-day's paper, in reference to the most unparalleled success which has attended his practice as an oculist. In diseases of the eye, Dr. Wheeler, perhaps, has had more experience than any of his contemporaries, and it must be a source of gratification and pride to him, as well as of consolation to the afflicted, that his thorough knowledge of this most difficult branch of the medical science, has done much good to the human race, as may be inferred from the high recommendations which accompany his advertisement.—*Atlas.*

DR. WHEELER, OCULIST.—This gentleman's card will be found in another column of to-day's paper, together with a correspondence addressed to him, which we deem well worthy the attention of the public. Dr. Wheeler is here so well and popularly known, for his superior skill in treating disorders of the eye, that no commendation from us can much benefit him.—*Express.*

